

The Home Circle.

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IN THE LANE.

And art thou, then, my heart, too old, Ever to leap with love again, To feel the strong blood-torrent rolled Through heaving breast and tooming brain? It is no more, my heart, for thee Life's one unquestioned ecstasy? Are faded quite those dim, far days When music mothered every sound, When up and down youth's happy ways Fared glories on eternal round? Has chill of years killed every joy That blossomed for the wandering boy? These are the trees once known so well We left to them all but beknown; Their very shadow we could tell From others by the forest thron. The same glad song from bush and bough— As once we heard, we hear them now. And these sweet flowers beneath my feet, Their young eyes' greet us as of yore. The hope, there! Still they think to meet Her glance that should not answer more: To us alone it cannot be They're looking up so tenderly. This is the same gray path we took Behind the slowly going day; As they do now, the light leaves shook When evening breezes blew this way; And here the glow upon the dome, And here the cows are coming home. Ah, no, good heart, thou still canst stir, Still lives the love first bid thee leap; Still are we at the side of her They laid away 'neath yonder steep. Though clouds be on her and a stone, In the dear old lane we are not alone.

Woman of To-morrow.

The opportunities now afforded women of earning a comfortable livelihood are in the ratio of ten to two as compared with twenty years ago, and are in an inverse ratio of two to ten to what twenty years hence will bring. Women stand upon the threshold of this growth and work, and their inborn American good sense is helping us to make golden opportunities. New path open before women leading to other moneyed independence than that of the boarding house keeper or of the teacher. To begin with; mothers are waking to their daughters' needs, and by requiring practical studies from earliest childhood have obtained for their daughters courses of study that will prove actual helps in time of need, capable of withstanding hard knocks that would shatter a smattering veneer. It is not necessary to decry the studies of all the ologies be there time and patience, but it may be a matter of rejoicing that almost from babyhood does the kindergarten system, with its playwork, its modeling, its drawing, its designing, its little acted songs, its habits of order and industry, point out very soon the natural bent of the child's ability. Few mothers nowadays, seeing this bent, do not shape and direct the little one's energies to a perfect development of some one talent thus discovered. Thus, soon after, many young girls are seen devoting the greater part of their time to the study of some one line instead of following the fashion of a few years ago and giving a tenth part of their time to ten different things. Then, at twenty she had a smattering of much and knew nothing. Now, at twenty, she holds a power in her hand. Said an eminent lawyer in a lecture to young men: "Concentrate your abilities." This motto is as good for one sex as for the other; transposing the old adage, it may be said that what is sauce for the gander is sauce for the goose. Woman has, in a measure, only herself to blame that she is paid less for her work than a man. Women ask and expect certain considerations because of their sex and weakness, and these considerations are paid for. It is too late to deny sympathy to this generation of the "weaker sex" for their upbringing and habits have engendered so many aches and pains, so much physical weakness, that the present woman is a fit object for compassionate care; but the woman of to-morrow, whom stern necessity, or choice, perhaps, may set to work out her own destiny, if properly reared, may refuse man's condescending commiseration.—Chicago Herald.

Hints for Boys.

Every boy who aspires some day to be, in the highest sense, a gentleman should read and consider the following hints: In the street.—Hat lifted when saying "Good-by" or "How do you do?" Also when offering a lady a seat or acknowledging a favor. Keep step with anyone you walk with. At the street door.—Hat off the minute you step in a house or private office. Let a lady pass first always, unless she asks you to precede her. In the Parlor.—Stand till every lady in the room, also older people, are seated. Look people straight in the face when they are addressing you. Let ladies pass through a door first, standing aside for them. In the Dining Room.—Take your seat

after ladies and elders. Never play with your knife, ring or spoon. Do not take your napkin up in a bunch in your hand. Eat as fast or as slow as others, and finish the course when they do. Special rules for the mouth are that all noise in eating and smacking of the lips should be avoided. Cover the mouth with hand or napkin when obliged to remove anything from it. Do not ask to be excused before the others, unless the reason is imperative. Rise when ladies leave the room and stand until they are out. If all go out together, gentlemen stand by the door until the ladies pass.

CHOICE RECIPES.

CROQUETTES.—This dish is made of pieces of meat or of fowls that is "left over." Every housekeeper knows that there is always something left from a dinner that looks too "scrappy" to put on table in the same shape; and croquettes are the very thing to utilize pieces of beef, veal, chicken, or turkey, as every bit may be used; coming on the table in a tempting, palatable form. Veal is very nice to use; pick out every bit of gristle or bone; chop fine; if scant of the meat put in a little cold potato, rice or bread crumbs; with experience one soon finds, that many little messes set away from the table may be used with satisfaction; cold boiled rice is good. After chopping well in a wooden bowl break in an egg, season well with salt and pepper. Make this mixture into cakes, round and long—a sort of roll. The egg serves to keep it in shape. Then gravy or cream may be put in to moisten it. Dip these cakes into another beaten egg, then roll in bread crumbs that have been grated or in some way made fine, out of old bread. Fry quickly in lard or butter, turning over carefully that they do not scorch. This is a very nice breakfast or supper dish, and although we have taken so much space to tell how it is done it is really a simple affair. Croquets are nice made of mutton. It is a little more trouble than to make hash and is ever so much nicer to eat. CHICKEN CROQUETTES.—We give this recipe for Chicken croquettes by request. Take a cold chicken, roast or boil or broiled; mince it very fine, or it will not adhere; moisten with rich gravy, or with cream; season with pepper and salt and a little mace, if you like the flavor; make up into small forms, dip in egg, roll in bread crumbs and fry slowly in pot lard. DOUGHNUTS.—One teacupful sugar, half teacupful each of butter and sour milk, two eggs, half teaspoonful soda. Season with both nutmeg and cinnamon. Use enough flour to make a soft dough. These are plain but very good. If a half cupful more sour milk is used and half teaspoonful more soda, this will make good gems. A GOOD LOAF CAKE.—Two teacupful sugar, one cup sweet milk, half cup butter, three cups or more flour, in which is sifted two heaping teaspoonfuls baking powder, and the sugar if possible, three well beaten eggs, and flavoring to taste. Bake in a loaf in a moderate oven. This is a tried recipe.

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Ewes with lambs should be protected from the wet and from cold storms. They should have at least two feeds a day of clean hay and one of oat straw. This should be supplemented by a small allowance of whole corn and oats or oats alone.

For The Children.

ONE CAT TOO MANY.

We had a fine large yellow cat, And a lovely tortoise shell, And a pretty Maltese kitten that Played all day long with Bell. And there was poor black-and-white With her one timid kit, But in the whole broad house was found No room for her and it. The yellow cat on the gate post sat And blinked adown the street, The tortoise shell on a silken mat Slept at Aunt Phoebe's feet, The Maltese kitten ran and played And climbed in Papa's boot, But black-and-white was in the way, And always under foot. So one dark night, shut in a bag, She and her kit were sent, On a long road, three miles or more, To good old Mistress Brent, Whose house was filled with rats and mice, But not one kit or cat In all the world what better place For black-and-white than that? But ere the daybreak, at our door, Wet with the dews of night, With her tired kitten at her side Minewed poor black-and-white. For she through all the cold and dark, Poor homeless, homesick cat Had traveled for her love of us A long, rough road like that. And now she shall not go again, But in our barn shall stay, And purr and sleep and make deep nest In the warm, fragrant hay, Her kittens shall grow sleek and fat, And every morn and night I'll carry milk and speak kind words To our good black-and-white.

OUR LETTER BOX.

Aunt Hetty is sojourning in the country, where she has three little grandchildren. She was so afraid that the dear little things would forget her, that she defied the elements and went. We are glad she has gone, not because we do not want her with us, but because she does so like to see her little grandchildren. As she is away, we shall tell what she does to make them happy. She makes the little boys pants, and puts in lots of pockets, and then fills the pockets with candy. Then she sends them nice books with pictures, so that even the youngest can be amused. Now, then, don't any of you tell her what I have told, for she will think I am naughty to tell tales out of school. Boys, do any of you tell tales out of school? Don't do it; stop at once. Of all the mean boys, the meanest is that one who runs and tells the teacher or mamma every time trouble happens. Our old contributor Julia is with us again this week. She tells of the chilly cold weather that has prevailed during the past month; also of her poultry. We will try and find an article giving all the terms used in crochet.

Lou Morgan lives away up in Umattilla county. She has done well to piece so many blocks. She is also a good girl to go Sabbath school so regular and often. Its nice to go to Sabbath school. We enjoy it very much, and we go, too, very regularly, every Sunday. Our teacher is so earnest, and tells so much of interest, and we all love her dearly. We have 120 scholars in our school, and many of them are "grown up people." Clara Pearce is here again with a nice and neatly written letter. Clara must be pretty well advanced in her studies. We hope Aunt Hetty will be home next week, because we do not feel that we can entertain the little people like she can. AUNT HETTY'S BOY.

OAKLAND Oe., Apr. 16, 1887.

Editor Home Circle: As I saw my last letter in print, I will try again, we have all of our garden in, and most of it is up. It has been cold and chilly weather for the past week with frosty mornings, but has not killed the fruit yet. We have 26 little chickens, 35 old ones and three ducks. You asked me to describe my lace pattern, but I fear I cannot as I do not understand all the terms used in crochet, but can send a sample if desired, I have crocheted enough of the pineapple pattern for a white apron, and have several nice patrons. I have my flower beds made, I will close for this time. Yours truly, JULIA B. RAYMOND.

WESTON, Ogn., April 2, 1887.

Editor Home Circle: As I have never written to the Home Circle, I thought I would write. I am a little girl 18 years of age. I have two brothers and two sisters. My papa does not take the FARMER, but my grandpa does. I like to read the little folks' letters. As we live in the country

and could not go to school since Christmas, I and my two sisters pieced blocks nough for four quilts. Well, I will tell Aunt Hetty and the little girls what I do to help mamma. I wash the dishes, sweep the floors, feed the chickens, and gather the eggs. I attend two Sabbath schools, one in the morning and one in the evening. One of my Sunday school teachers is going to give a prize for the one who gets the most verses during the quarter. I am going to try for it. I had a good many house plants, but the most of them got frozen during the cold weather. I am going to send Aunt Hetty some of our wild flowers. I will close by sending a riddle: In marble walls as white as milk, And lined with skin as soft as silk, Within a fountain crystal clear, A golden apple doth appear. No doors there are to this stronghold, Yet thieves break in and steal the gold. Ever your friend, LOU MORGAN.

EOla Or. April 16th, 1886.

Editor Home Circle: As I have not wrote a letter to the Circle for a long time I will do so now. It rained a little here last night. We have got one little pup and 16 little chickens, I am not going to school now, next school I will study history, dictionary, grammar, arithmetic, geography and writing. I am piecing a patch quilt. I will close by asking a riddle. Why is life the greatest of all riddles, to the one who answers it first I will send my card. Yours truly, CLARA PEARCE.

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